

**DISASTER
IN A MINE****Thought That 28 at Least
Were Killed****AT CHARLESTOWN, W. VA.****Explosion Yesterday Afternoon Entombed
Many Workmen—Six Bodies
Were Taken Out at
Midnight.**

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 9.—At least 28 men are supposed to have met death in a terrible mine explosion in the Paralle mine of the Stewart Colliers company near Oak Hill. Thirty-nine men were employed in the mine and only 12 have escaped alive. At midnight six bodies had been recovered near the mouth of the mine and it is certain that all the others in the mine are dead.

Among those known to be in the mine and supposed to be dead are:

Mine Boss Miles Pratt and his son, white.

Four negroes, David Wells, James Swan, George Jones and William Madison.

The explosion occurred at 1:30 p. m., yesterday, and was caused by a pocket of gas which was struck in a fault in the mine. The explosion was terrific and it is supposed that many of the miners were killed outright by the explosion. The system of fans was completely wrecked by the explosion, and all air was shut off from the mines, leaving the men who had not been killed by the explosion to smother to death.

The mine is a shaft mine about 700 feet deep and the unfortunate miners had little chance of escape.

Most of the miners caught in the mine are Hungarians or negroes, who had little experience in mining.

PRISONER WAS UNMOVED.**When Declared Guilty of Crime of Murder.**

Windsor, N. S., Feb. 9.—After hearing the evidence of the witnesses at the inquest in the Harvie murder case at Ellersburg, yesterday, it took the coroner's jury less than five minutes to render a verdict of murder against George Stanley, alias Kavanagh, for the murder of Freeman Harvie in his home, between the hours of 8 o'clock p. m. on Friday last and 8 o'clock on the following Saturday morning.

During the rehearsal of the inquest, evidence against him, Stanley sat unmoved, though the eyes of all in the crowded court room were constantly riveted upon him. The blood stained knife and the saw were exhibited to the jury and medical evidence was given showing that the hand had been severed from the body with a saw, as the bone was cut clean across. Witnesses told of Stanley's disposal of the effects of the farm for one-quarter of their value and in fact he never declined an offer of cash for any article.

Witnesses said Stanley told them he had bought the farm for \$1,800 and had paid Harvie \$600 in cash. Stanley had told several persons before he bought the property that a wealthy uncle of his had died recently in New York, leaving him and his sister, \$16,000 and that as soon as the estate was settled up he would come into possession of the money.

The finding of the jury caused no change in the demeanor of the prisoner. As he was being removed from the court he said to the jurymen:

"I should not expect intelligent gentlemen like you to sit here and listen to such a pack of lies."

One of the jurymen said:

"Sir, appearances are against you."

Stanley replied:

"Appearances sometimes are deceitful."

The two Fishers, who were arrested in connection with the crime, were discharged. Stanley has been brought back to the jail here to await trial.

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS.**Report of the Treasurer Shows New York Leads in Membership.**

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9.—At the second day's session of the annual convention of the Woman's National Suffrage association, the report of the treasurer was read by Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, of which the following is an abstract:

Receipts, including last year's balance \$11,760.

The five states standing at the head in point of membership are: New York, Massachusetts, California, Nebraska and Iowa.

The five states contributing the largest amount of money to the treasury are: Pennsylvania, Oregon, California, Massachusetts and New York.

ADMITS SHORTAGE.**Ruth Robinson, Arrested in Boston Last Night.**

Boston, Feb. 9.—Miss Ruth Robinson, alias Ontley, formerly of Syracuse, N. Y., was arrested last night, charged with the larceny of \$200 from Henry L. Brown, a restaurant proprietor of Portland street, by whom she was employed as a bookkeeper. Miss Robinson is said to have admitted the shortage, but alleged that Bowen owed her that amount of money.

SPOILED THE ECLIPSE.**Snow Storm Came at the Wrong Time Last Night.**

Washington, Feb. 9.—Because of a heavy snow storm the officials at the naval observatory early last night gave up any hope of taking observations of the eclipse of the moon which began after midnight and continued for several hours.

**CONVICTED OF MURDER
IN ONE DAY'S TRIAL****Rufus Johnson, Slayer of Florence W. Allison at Moorestown N. J., Will
Be Hanged on February 23.**

Mount Holly, N. J., Feb. 9.—Rufus Johnson, the negro, who was arrested last night about a fortnight ago charged with killing Miss Florence W. Allison near Moorestown, N. J., on January 18, was placed on trial yesterday, convicted of murder in the first degree last night and immediately sentenced to be hanged two weeks from tonight. The crime was feared by the negroes of the county, and the authorities there would be a hostile demonstration against the defendant when he would be brought into court but no unseemly incident marked the trial of the case. There was a large crowd in and about the court house all day, and Sheriff Foxworth had a detail of deputies on duty in the trial room.

HEADED BY DEWEY.**Visitors at the Last Levee at White Night in Washington.**

Washington, Feb. 9.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave a reception last night in honor of the army and the navy. It was the last of the evening levees at the White House for the season and was largely attended. Invited to meet the guests of the evening were the diplomatic corps and congressional, official and residential society. At nine o'clock the president and Mrs. Roosevelt entered the blue room while the marine band played the national anthem. In the receiving line were the members of the cabinet and the ladies of their families, while the list in the blue room included a large number of persons.

Admiral Dewey headed the line of callers and he was followed by Lieutenant General John C. Daves, the head of the army. There was a lack of floral decorations, but the national colors with the flags of the president were the admiral of the navy and other distinctive national emblems were conspicuously displayed in prominent places.

Miss Alice Roosevelt and Representative Nicholas Langworth formed the center of an interesting group, while the sister of the latter, the Countess De Chambrun, was among those invited to the blue room. Five German officers, who as guests of the emperor of Germany are making a tour of the United States were among those present.

**PROMINENT FARMER
COMMITTED SUICIDE****Julian B. Stone of Westford Shot Himself Twice in the Head Today—
Had Been Drinking Heavily
of Late.**

Burlington, Feb. 9.—Julian B. Stone, aged 45 years, a well known farmer of Westford, committed suicide early this morning at his home by shooting himself twice in the head with a 32-calibre revolver. Death was instantaneous after the second shot. Stone had been drinking heavily recently, and it is believed that the act was done during a fit of temporary insanity.

The deceased leaves a family. He was formerly employed as a street car conductor here. He was a prominent member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges.

BALL PLAYERS ARRESTED.**Intoxication and Disorderly Conduct
They Are Charged With.**

Albany, Feb. 9.—Michael J. Donlin, center fielder for the New York National league baseball club, winners of the world championship, Walter Bennett, of the Southern league pitcher, and John J. McGrath, another professional player, all members, McGrath being the manager, of an indoor base ball team, en route to begin a series of games at Troy, were arrested here on the arrival of the train late yesterday afternoon and locked up at police headquarters on charges of disorderly conduct and intoxication on the train. Donlin is also charged with assault with a deadly weapon, the allegation being that he drew a loaded revolver on the car porter of the train.

EVERY BISHOP MUST GO.**Plenary Council of the Roman Catholic Church in Baltimore Next Month.**

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The Post Standard quotes "a reliable ecclesiastical authority," as saying that a plenary or national council of the Roman Catholic church of the United States will be held at Baltimore next month. Every bishop in the United States must attend and each will be accompanied by his secretary and a theologian from his diocese. Cardinal James Gibbons will preside. The last plenary council was held at Baltimore in 1884 and its deliberations and decrees are now the law of the church in this country.

A JURY FOR PAT CROWE.**Will Be Tried for Robbing Edward Cudahy of \$25,000.**

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 9.—A jury was secured yesterday for the trial of Pat Crowe, on a charge of robbing Edward Cudahy of \$25,000 in connection with the kidnapping of Edward Cudahy, Jr.

Edward A. Cudahy, Jr., the boy kidnapped, was called as the first witness. He gave an account of his experience while a prisoner and was still on the stand when court adjourned. Young Cudahy has not been able to identify Crowe as one of the kidnapers. Crowe is alleged to have changed very much in appearance in the last five years.

Married in Montpelier.

Elson F. Spencer of Barre and Dean M. Anger of Montpelier were married last evening by Justice of the Peace John Wing in Montpelier.

Programme for Tonight.

The following programme will be given at the Methodist church this evening:

The Rhine Ball Song.....Cora Pinaute Choir.

Reading.....Mr. Fred Davidson.

Phono Solo.....Selected.

Mr. D. Dickinson.

Trilo, Phil Ardson.....J. B. Wickerlin.

Mrs. E. Bradley, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Morse.

Garnet Solo.....Selected.

Mr. F. D. Parmenter.

Reading.....Mr. Fred Davidson.

Duet, I Live and Love Thee, E. Compans.

Mrs. E. Bradley, Mrs. M. M. Conlon.

Bridal Chorus.....F. H. Cowen.

Choir.

Admission 25 cents.

Menu.

For cream fish supper at the Bedding Methodist Episcopal church Friday evening, Feb. 9, at 6:15:

Cream Fish.....Cabbage Salad.

Potato Chips.....Hot Rolls.

Cake.....Cream, Chocolate and Dark Gelatine.

Fruit.....Apples, Oranges and Bananas.

Price, 25 cents.

**SNOW BOUND
FOR A FACT****By Far the Heaviest Storm of
Season Came Today****TROLLEY ROAD CRIPPLED****Up to Two o'Clock This Afternoon 18
Inches of the Fleecy Substance Had
Fallen and Indications Were
For Two Feet of It.**

It's here at last—the good, old-fashioned snow storm. All that is now needed is a high wind to make a capper of the most severe storm of the winter.

All Vermont, New England and the northern tier of states in the country were today visited by a snowfall, ranging from a foot to two feet in depth.

In Central Vermont snow began falling at an early hour this morning and is still falling this afternoon. Up to two o'clock this afternoon eighteen inches of snow had come down and the indications were that the two-foot mark might be reached before the storm lets up. The trolley service was badly crippled, and in spite of the fact that the sweepers were out to work early. The cars ran this morning but the steady fall of snow in the day made it difficult to travel. While the sweeper was working in this city the cars got stalled in Montpelier, and when the sweeper transferred its operation to Montpelier the cars in Barre got moved in. The schedules on the railroads were also interfered with, the trains running from a few minutes to an hour late.

The snow is so light that it has not yet crippled the telegraph and telephone system.

SNOW 18 INCHES DEEP NOW.**Great Storm Is Typing Up Business at Mahanoy City, Pa.**

Mahanoy City, Pa., Feb. 9.—Snow, which has been falling steadily for ten hours, has reached a depth of 18 inches and has tied up all trolley traffic and business and badly impeding the railroads. Many of the colliers in this region are idle. Snow is still falling heavily.

LASHED BY GALE.**Storm Is Sweeping Over New York Today.**

New York, Feb. 9.—A snow and rain storm is whipping over New York today under the lash of a gale of wind, and traffic is badly impeded. Incoming vessels report heavy winds and high seas. Rain is now falling and the streets are filled with slush.

HEAVIEST OF SEASON.**All Trains Entering Albany, N. Y., Are Off Schedules.**

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Albany is the center of the heaviest snow storm that has visited the state this season. At noon nearly a foot had fallen. All trains entering the city are off their schedules from five minutes to one hour. The greatest delay is being experienced by those from the West.

STORM IN WALES.**It Is Rapidly Approaching Dimensions of Blizzard.**

London, Feb. 9.—The first snow storm of the winter is raging today in north Wales, and is rapidly approaching blizzard dimensions. Country roads are covered high with drifts and traffic on railroads is blocked. Hundreds of sheep have been frozen to death. The loss to farmers will be large.

SNOW TURNED TO RAIN.**But Boston Is Experiencing a Severe Storm.**

Boston, Feb. 9.—Snow began falling here early this morning, but it turned to rain during the forenoon and at noon it continued with a heavy wind, high along the New England coast, and vessels arriving this morning reported very heavy weather at sea.

RUTLAND TIED UP.**There Was a Foot of Snow at Noon Today.**

Rutland, Feb. 9.—The snow is a foot deep at noon today. The street car traffic is almost entirely suspended. All trains were late.

Falling Steadily in Burlington.

Burlington, Feb. 9.—Eight inches of snow has fallen and there is a steady downpour here.

JOINT RECEPTION HELD.**Gov. Bell Was One of the Speakers at Lyndonville.**

Lyndonville, Feb. 9.—The joint reception of the Woman's club, the Shakespeare club and the Mother's club was held in Good Templars hall last night, which was handsomely decorated with evergreen and flags. Gov. Bell was the guest of honor. Over 300 ladies and gentlemen were present. In the receiving line with Governor Bell were the presidents of the clubs, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Waiter of the governor's staff, Mrs. Bell and Miss Jennie Bell. Solos were given during the evening by Miss Alice G. Hutchinson of Lowell, Mass., and Miss Ella Niles of Morrisville. Governor Bell was most gracefully introduced by Mrs. E. J. Blodgett, president of the Mother's club, and spoke in happy vein of glories and beauties of Vermont.

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SUES FORMER SELECTMEN.**Town of Swanton Claims Alleged Fraud in Liquor Transaction.**

Swanton, Feb. 9.—Civil suit has been brought by the town of Swanton against Charles C. Gilmore and Fred D. Corlies, former selectmen of the town. There are two counts in the declaration. The first charges that the defendants unlawfully converted liquors, bottles and corks to the value of \$3,711.10. The second charges the defendants with wrongfully discharging a certain mortgage which the town held on liquors which had been sold to James C. McNally, a licensee.

Mr. Gilmore was arrested and furnished bail. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Mr. Corlies. The ad damnum is fixed at \$3,000.

It is claimed that liquor owned by the town, when a liquor agency was maintained, was sold to McNally, the town taking a mortgage. It is further claimed that just before the town meeting of March, 1904, the defendants discharged the mortgage, taking McNally's unsecured note, of which \$1,261 remains unpaid. H. A. Burt and Furman and Webster represent the town.

Mr. Gilmore has been prominent in town affairs several years. He represented the town in the legislature of 1900 and has been an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination as one of the Franklin county senators. He served on the staff of Gov. Levi K. Fuller, in 1892, with the rank of colonel.

RUTLAND DEMOCRATS ACTIVE.**Name David W. Temple for Mayor Again.**

Rutland, Feb. 9.—David W. Temple received the unanimous nomination for mayor at the Democratic city caucus last night. Mr. Temple served this city as mayor during the years 1902 and 1903. During his second term the city debt was reduced \$25,000, this being the largest amount of money saved in any one year since the city received its charter.

William L. Davis was nominated as candidate for the office of city treasurer to succeed himself. It is not probable that Mr. Davis will have any opposition.

James F. Lamb was nominated for the office of city constable and collector. Frank L. Clark, the present incumbent, will also be a candidate.

It now looks as if there would be four mayoralty candidates in the field, as Alderman Charles E. Paige, George Underhill and Mr. Temple have already announced their candidacy and the Independent Labor party will in all probability put up a man.

**WILL TAKE WEEKS
TO GET ENGINE BACK****Fallen Locomotive at Bethel Will Be
Jacked Up and Then Skidded Along
for a Distance of 500 Feet to
the Main Track.**

Bethel, Feb. 9.—The wrecking crew which is trying to raise the locomotive which plunged off the end of the switch-back on the railroad to the Bethel quarries last Wednesday, and that they have a more difficult job than was anticipated. The huge bulk, after dropping off the end of the switch-back, went down the side of the mountain on its wheels for a distance of 300 feet and then keeled over. For 100 feet further it rolled and tumbled. The damage is estimated at \$2,500.

The engine is so far down the mountain that it is impossible to get it back to the track where it started off, so that it will be jacked up and skidded some 500 feet to the main track near the foot of the mountain. Several weeks will be required to get the damaged locomotive back on the iron.

ON BOTTOM OF LAKE.**Steamer Maquam Sank at Dock in Shelburne.**

Burlington, Feb. 9.—The steamer Maquam, owned by the Champlain Transportation company, is resting on the bottom of the lake at Shelburne harbor. The hull is not entirely under water, owing to the fact that the boat was run in shore as soon as it was discovered that she was being swamped with water. The steamer was being used to break ice at the harbor when the leak was started and the water rushed in so rapidly that the pumps were not able to keep pace with it. The steamer was there fore run to the dock, where she gradually sank until she touched bottom. The Maquam is one of the oldest boats on the lake and was to have been put out of commission soon. The building of the Ticonderoga gives the company three steel steamers of the newest and best type so that the Maquam would have been replaced by the new one. It is doubted if any attempt is made to repair her.

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**"FARMERS" IN
JOLLY MOOD****Annual Banquet of Local Organization Last Evening****WAS DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR****One Hundred and Thirty-five Representatives of the City Sat Down to Spread and Enjoyed Each Other's Company.**

What care we for battle or bullets? What care we for political rows As long as the country's in clover And that is good for the cows?

The above verses comprised the motto for the City Farmers' club at their second annual banquet held last evening at the Hotel Northern, and it rightly expressed the sentiment which prevailed throughout the evening. Very rarely is there seen in this city an occasion where so fully a representative body of the best citizens of Barre are gotten together as was present last evening as the guests of the City Farmers' club, which is composed mostly of members who are in business in the city and own farms outside. And the club is to be congratulated on their splendid gathering of last evening and on the rousing success of their second annual banquet.

The most cordial and jolly feeling predominated throughout the evening. Business cares were thrown aside and forgotten for the time and each one entered into the spirit of the occasion with a will and there was not a dull moment. Gilbertson's orchestra rendered music in the parlor upstairs during the wait before the spread was ready and also helped to keep up the spirits of the company during the banquet. There were 135 people seated at the tables and the supper which the proprietors, Noonan & Harrington, served, was excellent and was highly enjoyed by all.

After the company had supped their fill and cigars were passed, President Donald Smith, of the Smith Stock farm, called for order and introduced the evening's toastmaster, whom he said was a farmer, as it is understood that the gentleman in question had purchased a back farm in Williamstown with the idea that there was a grand opening for a quarry on the place, but it proved that the opening was not a grand one. Toastmaster J. Henry Jackson still has the farm. Dr. Jackson's abilities as a toastmaster are well known to everyone in Barre, and he was entirely himself last evening.

Before announcing the first number of the programme, Dr. Jackson said that the City Farmers' club was much alive, as is proven by the occasion. The various work of the members of the club during the past year will be related during the evening, he declared. Some have done a little work in horticulture, some in floriculture and others have done work this evening with the menu. We think with sorrow of one brother who was with us last year, the late Fred H. Mudgett, who so ably assisted in the toastmastering. Farmer C. S. Emory of Chelsea, who was with us last year, said the toastmaster has been given a fat government job and will live happily from now on. Another who honored us with his presence was Governor Bell, whom we know heartily endorse our club and who also knows if he wants us to do to Congress or anywhere else he has to do it to make it known to this club and he will get there.

L. G. Griffiths was then called on by the toastmaster for a song and he responded in a very enjoyable manner and was encored.

"I think by inviting you and me, Mr. Toastmaster," said City Attorney J. W. Gordon, who was first called on for a toast, "it appears that the farmers still need the lawyer to get them into trouble and the doctor to get them beyond it."

"I think that as we look over this company and smell a little of the barn, we make the same mistake that Pat did when he first came over to this country. He and Mike were sitting in a room together when a fire company went whirling by the house, the engine belching forth fire and smoke. Pat jumps up quick and looks out and says to his brother, 'Look quick, Mike, they're all here. Hades. Three loads have just gone by.' Mr. Gordon concluded his remarks by reading an original poem as follows:

Poet J. W. Gordon's Contribution.

The City Farmers bravely plough and sow and reap.

Though not in furrowed fields, but busy mart and street.

Their hands are hilly white, though not in washing sheep.

But cutting coupons in their cozy office seats.

They never feed the pigs or pack away the pork.

They never reap the grain, or put the corn in shock.

They never use the hoe or fertilizing fork.

They never pick up stones—but gather up the rocks.

A strong and bold and honest yeomanry are they.

They tell how long ago they tamed the wildest colt.

And cut the biggest swath and pitched the quickest hay.

They tell it large—until they give our faith a jolt.

For them no cowhide boots, but shiny leather shoes.

For them no whiskered chin, but cleanly shaven face.

They worry not whatever weather comes and goes.

They are the jolliest lot that ever set a pace.

They know the pedigree of every racing horse.

They know the breed whose milk with water mixes best.

The cream they use the most is in the spigot's flow.

The rye they raise is drunken to the jolly feast.

O, City Farmers! Be ye still our pride and boast.

May a'ye need you sow return you many fold.

May summer's blast be stayed as well as winter's frost.

Until your planted crops shall ripen into gold.

Farmer Dr. E. M. Lynde was next called upon and he responded by reading two selections of a humorous nature, which were very enjoyable. The company was next entertained by Archer and Gargow from Marks Bros. company, who gave a fine exhibition of their ability as musical comedians. Farmer G. Herbert Pape was called for, but he was not present and Farmer S. D. Allen responded for the club committee. Mr. Allen said that at one time it looked as if the club would not be able to hold a banquet this year, on account of the loss in the potato crop last fall, but when the rise in potatoes came a while ago, President Smith said to go on with the banquet, and incidentally added that you know those paters make lots of butter.

Mr. Allen read a letter from P. W. Clement of Rutland, who was invited to the banquet, was could not be present. Mr. Allen said that the gavel of the club was the three-legged milking stool, and if any member started to talk politics in their meetings he was immediately rapped with the stool.

A pleasing clarinet solo was next given by Nathan Seff of the orchestra, after which Farmer A. W. Allen of Sunnyside farm responded to the toast "Hard Luck." He said that the farmers ought to know all about hard luck. Some were born in hard luck, some achieve it and some have it forced upon them. As an illustration of the latter, he said that a few weeks ago someone relieved him of a pen of chickens and he thought that was having hard luck forced upon him. Mr. Allen said that he would not have had the notice for a reward for if he had known that the thief published his going to have their banquet so soon, and wanted to have some roosters to crow for them. The speaker was referring to the roosters which George Casals brought to the banquet, one of which entered into the spirit of the occasion by crowing almost continuously during the evening.

Angelo Scampini displayed his well known ability as a sleight of hand artist, and Dr. Barber told several stories entertainingly.